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done some things for Columbus and we have done some things for the track up in South Sioux City and I think that they have been good for the cities that those tracks are located in and this will be good for the city that the track is located in and we ought to do something about the cost and do something for the tracks in my city also. So I guess at this point in time it is a vehicle and if my...we can be fair about this and recognize that parimutuel racing is no longer supposed to finance state government. It is supposed to be good for local communities and if it is so for my city I can support this bill on and if it is not, I would probably be very strongly opposed to it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Just in closing I would, I think I understood what Senator Newell was trying to say, and I would just merely point out that the State Board of Agriculture is state government so he really has no problem supporting the bill. As a matter of fact a number of states have substantial amounts of general fund money that goes into their State Fair operations. Nebraska State Fair has been wanting to move in the direction of no general fund money as an appropriation but that is no longer possible in the situation as it now exists. I would also point out that currently because of the change in race dates Omaha directly or rather Ak-Sar-Ben directly pays to two other tracks funds to assist with them to keep their race purses at a level that will attract horses. So there is numerous relationships that are working out. I understand Ak-Sar-Ben is in support of the bill, 830, as it is and I don't think that the precedent or some of the other issues that have been alluded to are really a part of 830 or the solution to the problem that it attempts to address. If there are no more lights, I would move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance LB 830. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote. The motion is to advance LB 830. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill,